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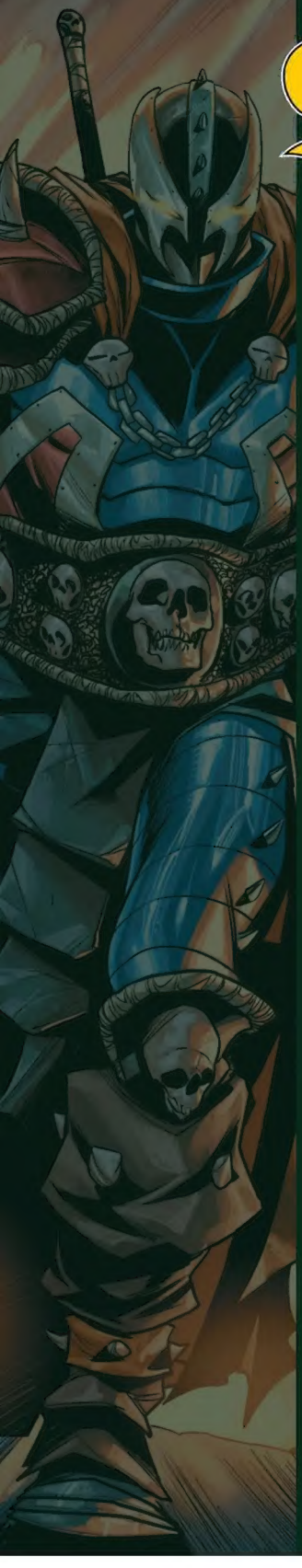

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PREVIOUSLY IN *MEDIEVAL SPAWN:*

Abraxis has been freed and the order has them surrounded. There is nothing else to do but fight.

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HE WAS ASKING AGAIN.
SAME AS LAST TIME. WANTED TO KNOW WHY YOU NEVER REMOVE YOUR HELMET.
AND YOU SAID, WHAT?
THAT YOU WERE SUCH AN UGLY BABY YOUR MOTHER DECIDED TO SPARE THE REST OF US HAVING TO LOOK AT YOU.
"YOU SHOULD TELL HIM THOUGH, JOHN. HE'LL FIND OUT EVENTUALLY"
"MAYBE, BUT NOT NOW."
HE'S BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH.
DURING OUR TIME TOGETHER, I HAD COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES TO TELL RICHARD THE TRUTH ABOUT WHO I REALLY WAS.

I NEVER DID. I AM STILL PAYING THE PRICE FOR THAT.
SO...
...WHICH OF YOU SHALL BE MY HOST?
THE HELLSPAWN?
OR THE BLACK WARLOCK?

FWASH
HISSSSS!
YOU'LL GET NEITHER, DEMON!
JOHN, STAY CLOSE! IT CAN'T TOUCH US IF IT'S INSIDE THE FLAME CIRCLE.
I WILL PICK ANOTHER THEN.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER PUPPETS TO CHOOSE FROM.
ENOUGH!
DESTROY THE BEAST!
THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING.

ARGGHHHH!
BROTHER!
AH, A HOLY MAN.
THIS WILL DO FOR NOW.
BROTHER DEMPSTER IS LOST TO US, MEN.
SHOW THE CREATURE NO MERCY!

IT WILL TAKE A SHORT TIME TO REBUILD THE BINDING SPELL AND REQUIRE MY FULL ATTENTION, SO KEEP EVERYONE AWAY FROM ME.
AND DON'T STEP OUTSIDE THIS CIRCLE, OR ABRAXIS WILL BE ABLE TO POSSESS YOU...
DIE, HELL DEMON!
SLASH
DO YOUR WORK, BASTION. RICHARD AND I WILL STAND GUARD...
RICHARD?

"SIR TREVOR, WHAT DO WE DO?"
FIND THE WAILING WOMAN AND WAKE HER. WE HAVE NEED OF HER.
I'M NOT SURE HOW STABLE THE CAVE--
NOW!
WE NEED TO STOP THESE DEMONS!
SHUCK
OKAY, I'LL--

I CAN SEE INTO YOUR CLERIC'S MIND.
YOU HUMANS THINK YOU'RE SO IMPORTANT BUT I KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR ORDER...
...I WILL ENJOY YOUR ELIMINATION.
DIE!
AH, THE ORPHAN BOY.
COME, THEN!

DON'T.
STAY WHERE YOU ARE, JOHN.
WE'LL LOSE THE BOY, IF ABRAXIS POSSESSES EITHER OF US...
CLANG
"...HE'S ON HIS OWN FOR NOW."
WHAM

RICHARD!
JOHN, DON'T!
NOW, LET'S REUNITE YOU WITH YOUR FAMILY..
MAY GOD SPITE YOU!
WHAT?
RUN, LAD! LEAVE HERE!

ARGHHHH!
ABRAXIS!
TURN AND FACE ME!
FINALLY...
I WAS WONDERING HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE YOU TO CRAWL OUT FROM YOUR HIDING PLACE...

I KNEW THE RISKS THAT CONFRONTING ABRAXIS WOULD LEAD TO.
BUT THE BOY WAS UNDER MY WATCH.
IT WAS MY DUTY TO PROTECT HIM.
HEHE!
I HAVE BEEN POSSESSED BEFORE, SO I LET THE CREATURE TAKE ME.
WHEN IT HAPPENS, IT IS NOT A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE, SIMPLY AN ABSENCE OF ANYTHING.
MERE MOMENTS WILL PASS IN DARKNESS....

...BEFORE I AM PLUNGED BACK INTO THE WAKING WORLD, TO DISCOVER HOW MUCH TIME HAS ELAPSED.
AND WHAT CARNAGE WAS WROUGHT WHILE I SLEPT.
IT IS KNOWLEDGE THAT CREATES THE MOST PAIN IN ME.
JOHN?
YOU ARE BACK WITH US?
I AM.
GOOD.
THEN WE CAN FINALLY DRAW A LINE UNDER THIS WRETCHED MATTER.

AS I SLEPT, WHAT HAS PAST?
THE BEST MEN FROM *'THE ORDER'*-- VIOLENTLY DISMEMBERED.
SEE FOR YOURSELF.
STILL, WITHOUT THEIR SACRIFICE, I'M NOT SURE I COULD HAVE CONTAINED YOU LONG ENOUGH TO EXTRACT ABRAXIS.
RICHARD. WHERE IS HE?
YES, ABOUT THAT...
RICHARD! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
JOHN, WAIT--
STAND BACK, *MONSTER!*

BEFORE I SPLIT YOU IN TWO.
RICHARD, PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPON, SON, YOU DON'T...
I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU THE MOMENT WE MET.
CENTURIES HAVE PASSED SINCE THAT DAY, BUT I CAN STILL RECALL THE LOOK IN THE BOY'S EYES.
THE FEAR. BETRAYAL. AND HATRED.
HE WAS LOST. I JUST HADN'T REALIZED IT YET.
SKREEEEEE

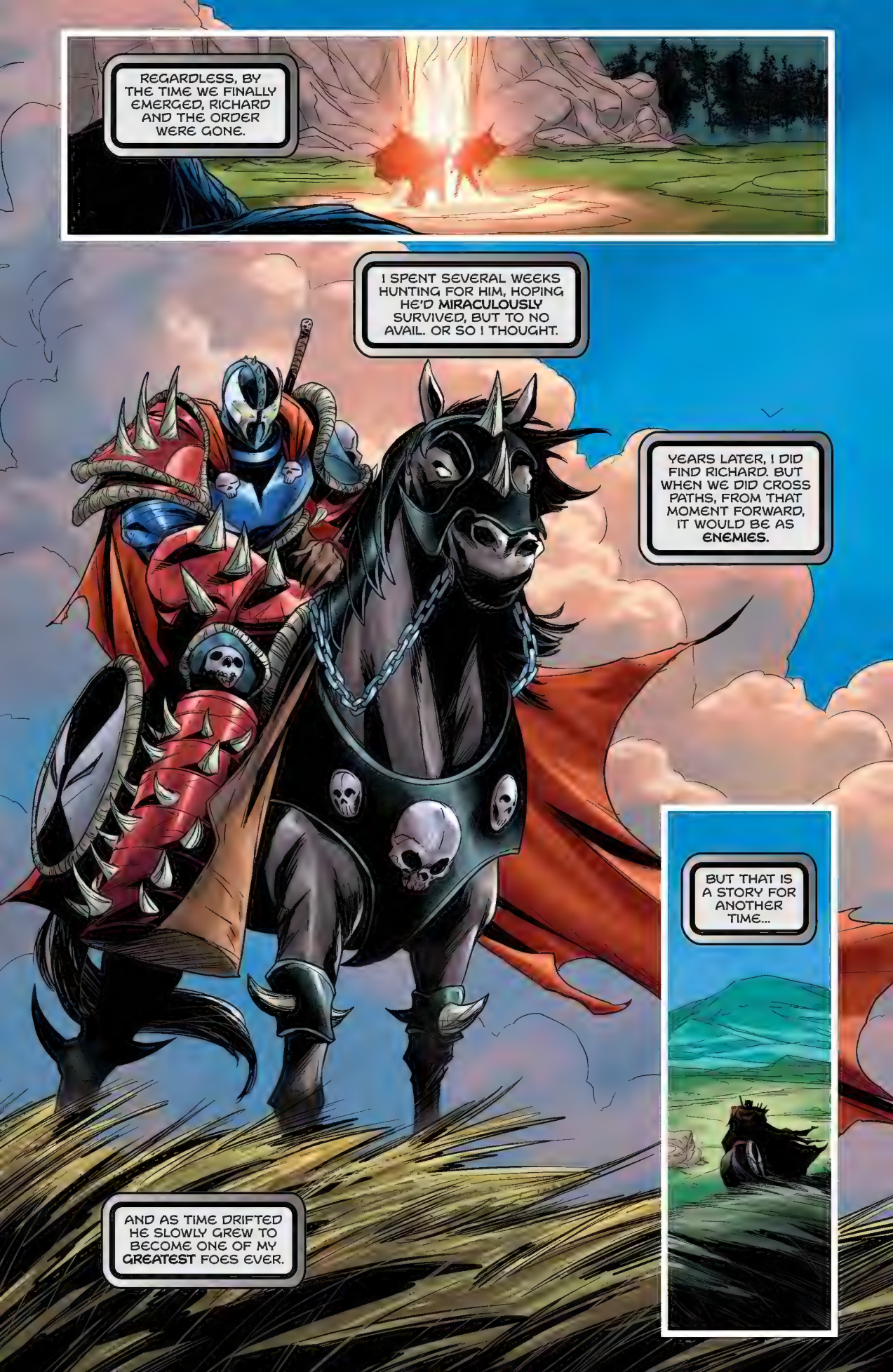
THE LAD IS UNDER MY PROTECTION NOW, DEMON.
WE SHALL SEE.
HE MOVES, TAKE HIM DOWN, HAGGART.
SKREEEEEEEEEEE
HER WAILS BEGAN COLLAPSING THE CAVE.

THOOM
THOOM
RICHARD, WE NEED TO LEAVE. BEFORE WE'RE BURIED ALIVE.
I ANSWER TO NO ONE. I'M DONE WITH YOUR LIES!
I'M OFFERING HELP. AND YOU NEED IT NOW!
BUT MY PLEAS CAME TOO LATE.
THOOM

HE'S GONE!
THOOM
THOOM
WE NEED TO SAVE OURSELVES!
HE WAS RIGHT. OUR DEATHS WOULD AVENGE NOTHING.
FWASH
THOOM
THOOM
IT'S NOT ENOUGH, IT'S NOT--
IN RETROSPECT, I SHOULD HAVE ASKED BASTION FOR HELP EARLIER...

IT'S ALL COLLAPSING, I CAN'T HOLD IT ALL, YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE!
I CAN CONSTRUCT A SPELL, BUT I NEED TIME!
CAN YOU GIVE ME THAT?
I'LL TRY!
I JUST NEED A FEW MORE SECONDS.
AS I STRAINED, ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS RICHARD. HOW SENSELESS HIS LOSS WAS.

BASTION HAD BEEN RIGHT.
I HAD BEEN A FOOL, NAIVELY HOPING THAT THIS DAY COULD BE AVOIDED.
THAT RICHARD'S SIMILARITY TO MY OWN SON HAD BLINDED ME AND MY ACTIONS.
MADE ME FEARFUL OF HIS REJECTION.
AND IN YEARS TO COME, SO MANY OTHERS WOULD SUFFER GREATLY FOR THAT MISTAKE.
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG BASTION AND I STRUGGLED THEN SURVIVED IN THAT CREVICE, I LOST TRACK.
IT SEEMED AN ENDLESS AMOUNT OF TIME.


REGARDLESS, BY THE TIME WE FINALLY EMERGED, RICHARD AND THE ORDER WERE GONE.
I SPENT SEVERAL WEEKS HUNTING FOR HIM, HOPING HE'D MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVED, BUT TO NO AVAIL. OR SO I THOUGHT.
YEARS LATER, I DID FIND RICHARD. BUT WHEN WE DID CROSS PATHS, FROM THAT MOMENT FORWARD, IT WOULD BE AS ENEMIES.
BUT THAT IS A STORY FOR ANOTHER TIME...
AND AS TIME DRIFTED HE SLOWLY GREW TO BECOME ONE OF MY GREATEST FOES EVER.

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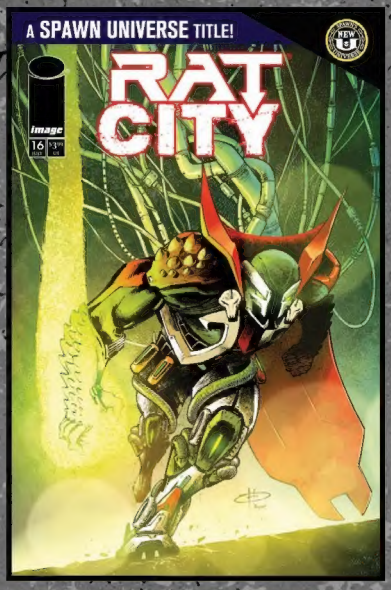

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